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OIL TARIFF FIGHT WILL CONTINUE

EDISON CO. CUT RATE ON ST. LIGHTING

Voluntary Cut from 4c to 2 1/2c Announced in Letter from Power Company to Mayor Dennis

A voluntary reduction in street lighting rates was announced this week by the Southern California Edison Company. The rate hereafter charged the City of Torrance will be 2 1/2 cents per kilowatt instead of the present rate of 4 cents per kilowatt.

This voluntary reduction in rates was announced by Mayor Dennis in a letter read at the City Council meeting Tuesday evening, as follows:

"Redondo Beach, Calif., February 25, 1930.
Honorable John Dennis, Mayor, City of Torrance, Torrance, California.

My dear Sir:
I am very glad to report a reduction in our street and highway lighting, schedule L-8, effective March 1st, 1930, from four cents per kilowatt hour for the first 100 kilowatt hours per month per kilowatt of connected lamp capacity to two and a half cents per kilowatt hour. Last year the company made a voluntary reduction on contract street lighting and we are happy at this time to announce the reduction referred to.

Our company's policy has been and is, to make voluntary reductions whenever it is possible to do so. I might call your attention to the fact that the Company has made, for domestic and general use, two voluntary reductions in rates since 1927 and seven voluntary reductions in rates since 1920. These reductions have resulted in a saving to our community of many millions of dollars and are made possible by the economies that the company has been able to bring about and the large volume of business resulting from the increased use of electrical energy for lighting, cooking, heating and various labor saving devices in the home, also commercial, industrial and many other purposes for which electric energy is now being used.

Sincerely yours,
C. W. KOENIG,
District Manager,
Southern California Edison Co."

MAGAZINE TO PUBLISH REV. YOUNG TALKS

Rev. R. A. Young has been honored by the editor of the Christian Witness, by a request to publish his series of sermons on "The Ministry of the Holy Spirit."

The Christian Witness is published in Chicago and has a national circulation, established over fifty years ago.

The fourth of the sermon series will be given Sunday morning at the First Methodist church in Torrance.

Rev. Young is becoming widely known as "Bob" Young through his talks over the radio each week, and states that he is anxious to serve Torrance, and for this reason he is glad to permit the publication of his sermons in the national religious magazine.

BILL THE BARBER SAYS

The police never fail to recover the automobiles that are insured.

Oil Tariff Voted Down

But the Fight Will Continue

AN EDITORIAL
By GROVER C. WHYTE

Hopes for immediate betterment of unemployment conditions in the petroleum industry were lost last Friday, when the United States Senate, by a vote of 39 to 27 voted down the proposed tariff on South American and Mexican oil and refined oil products coming into this country to the detriment of local workers in the oil fields and in the allied petroleum supply and equipment industries.

And the pitiable thing about it is, that if just seven of the twenty Republican senators who voted against the tariff, had voted in favor of it, the tax would have excluded cheap foreign oil and put factory and oil well men back on the job. Employment would again be plentiful in Torrance equipment industries and workers in the field would be back producing oil from local fields.

Just how these twenty Republican senators are going to explain their action in turning down the needs of domestic workers for the benefit of foreign oil holdings is beyond our imagination; especially when one of the foremost planks in the Republican pre-election platform called for a protective tariff on foreign oil.

The lineup in the Senate is interesting, and we would advise everyone to read the list over carefully,

Council Sends Telegrams to California Senators

Realizing the importance of renewed effort to secure the passage of the protective tariff on foreign oil, the Torrance City Council Tuesday night dispatched the following telegram to both Senator Samuel Shortridge and Senator Hiram Johnson. Copies of the resolution adopted were also mailed to all California members in the House of Representatives:

"NIGHT LETTER

Torrance, California, March 4, 1930.

To: Honorable Hiram Johnson, and Honorable Samuel Shortridge, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C.

City Council of the City of Torrance this day adopted resolution commending your action in supporting one dollar per barrel tariff on crude oil and fifty per cent ad valorem tax on refined petroleum products in vote taken last Friday stop This council feels it is voicing the opinion of ten thousand workers in the local oil fields and allied industries in asking your continued efforts to bring this issue before the senate again at an early date stop Unemployment in local factories serving oil industry is now running seventy five per cent with some of such factories closed down entirely stop The situation among oil workers in the field is even more acute stop It is the common belief that the immediate passage of the above tariff would put all these men back on the job stop Please use your utmost efforts in securing passage of bill when it comes up for vote.

Mayor John Dennis."

The following reply was received this morning from Senator Shortridge:

"SN Washington, D. C., March 5, 1930.

Mayor John Dennis, Torrance, Calif.

Acknowledging your March fourth telegram beg to assure you that the subject matter thereof has received and will continue to receive careful consideration stop Thank you for giving me the benefit of your views.

Samuel M. Shortridge."

so that future mouthings by these pseudo-republicans can be interpreted in the proper light. Here is how they voted:

Republicans for a tariff: Allen, Baird, Capper, Cutting, Fess, Goff, Goldsborough, Grundy, Hastings, Hatfield, Johnson, Jones, Kean, Patterson, Pine, Robison, Shortridge, Steiwer, Waterman and Watson—20.

Democrats for: Bratton, Broussard, Caraway, Connally, Ransdell, Shephard and Thomas of Oklahoma—7. Grand total for: 27.

LINE-UP AGAINST TARIFF

Republicans against: Blaine, Borah, Dale, Frazier, Hale, Keyes, LaFollette, McMaster, Metcalf, Norbeck, Norris, Nye, Robinson of Indiana, Schall, Smoot, Vandenberg and Walcott—17.

Democrats against: Ashurst, Barkley, Black, Brock, Copeland, Dill, Fletcher, George, Harris, Harrison, Hawes, Hayden, Heflin, McKellar, Pittman, Smith, Steck, Stephens, Swanson, Trammel, Walsh of Massachusetts, and Walsh of Montana—22.

Grand total against—39.

It is gratifying to note that both California senators, Johnson and Shortridge voted for the tariff, and it is

Marine League Finals To Bring 4000 To Torrance

From three to four thousand visitors are expected in Torrance, April 4, when the Marine League Finals in track and field events will be held on the Torrance high school grounds.

Efforts will be made to have Frank Wykoff, track star, present. Ray Alf, interscholastic champion in the 220 race, has signified his intention to be present, as well as Nickerson, who has unofficially clocked 9 3-5 which is a world record.

A public address system is to be installed at the high school grounds and appropriate ceremonies will open the event, which is scheduled to begin at 1:30 p. m., Friday, April 4.

Coach Nylander is issuing invitation to civic officials and service club members at Bell, Wilmington, Lomita and Gardena, as well as representatives of the communities served by Narbonne, Jordan, Job Ris and George Washington high schools.

also interesting to remember that Borah, Norris, Heflin and Walsh voted against bettering conditions in the United States in order to line the pockets of foreign oil holders and give employment to cheap foreign workers when American oil workers walk the streets in search of employment. It was this same crowd that so ruthlessly assailed the character of that staunch American, Charles Evans Hughes, when he was appointed to take over the chair of Chief Justice Taft.

It is also interesting to notice that the debate in favor of the \$1.00 a barrel tariff on foreign oil was led by Senator Thomas, a Democrat from Oklahoma. "There is \$10,000,000,000 invested in this industry," the Oklahoma senator said. "Nineteen states are affected and 700,000 laborers are employed. A total of 3,500,000 people will be affected when you consider the families of the workers."

Thomas said the senate finance subcommittee which reported in favor of keeping oil on the free list had included Senator Reed, Republican, Pennsylvania, and former Senator Edge, Republican, New Jersey, now Ambassador to France.

"We all know Reed was personal attorney for the Mellon interests which control the Gulf Oil company, and I have found Edge is a brother-in-law of President W. C. Teague of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey," Thomas added.

Chairman Smoot said the matter had been considered by the full finance committee and "there has been no trickery, no underhanded work and nothing but full co-operation."

"All I want to show is that the big oil companies do not want this tariff," Thomas said.

"I think that is true," Smoot agreed.

Thomas contended it costs \$1.70 a barrel to produce oil in the United States and but 75 cents abroad. He declared therefore, the difference in cost of production is 95 cents and pointed out that both parties adopted platforms in the last campaign pledging a competitive or protective tariff.

This conversation is interesting when you remember that most of the foreign oil is owned by the Stan-

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U. S. STEEL BUYS LAND AT PITTSBURG

Corporation Acquires 208 Additional Acres in Northern City—Torrance Holdings Are Quadrupled

PITTSBURG, Calif.—Announcement was made this week of the purchase of 208 acres of additional land by the U. S. Steel Corporation adjoining its plant in Pittsburgh.

This was the first definite word of the contemplated expansion of the steel plant in Pittsburgh, and the most important news received here since the sale of Columbia Steel.

The announcement was made by O. L. Lovridge, local manager of C. A. Hooper & Company who stated that word of the purchase and payment in cash for the property had come from R. Bode, of the Hooper Company in San Francisco.

The purchase more than doubles the acreage held here by the United States Steel company, the Columbia's property totaling 155 acres. The purchase consummated today makes this acreage 363, and allows ample room for immediate expansion.

The new purchase lies directly south of the tin mill and gives credence to the reports in circulation that capacity of that unit would be doubled.

The property is east of the New Central sub-division, and is bounded by the Santa Fe road, the county road and the highway, and by the Lovridge road.

Torrance Site Enlarged
The United States Steel Corporation has also added materially to its land holding in Torrance, since the purchase of the Columbia plant here. U. S. Steel now owns 170 acres in Torrance which is four times the original industrial site of the Columbia Steel Corporation.

KEYS ON REQUEST

Somebody with a yen for padlocks removed two padlocks from the Edison garages on Marcelina avenue last week. The affair has been reported to the Torrance police.

AGRICULTURAL TEAMS TAKE NEW HONORS

Torrance Representatives Win Awards at Orange Show and Imperial Fair

Judging teams from the agricultural department of the Torrance high school are maintaining their high standards in competition at the various five stock and ranch products shows held over Southern California this spring.

At the National Orange Show, held at San Bernardino, Feb. 13-23, the Torrance A team composed of Richard Stevens, Paul Copeland, Robert Anderson and Stanley Gilbert, and the B team composed of Kenneth Fess, Harriet Kenney, Genevieve Guyan and Virginia Walker, placed fifth in competition with citrus judging teams from all over the southern half of the state.

On Saturday three teams competed at the Imperial Valley Fair, and all placed fifth while ribbons were awarded to several of the boys and girls for individual skill in judging. At this fair, the Torrance stock judging teams were handicapped a trifle by the fact that their past experience has been in judging fat cattle, while those exhibited at the Imperial fair were range cattle of a slightly different type.

The Class A team included Edgar Reeve, Bert Merrill, and Al Mintun. Al was awarded third place for individual judging in all classes and third in judging beef cattle. Edgar Reeve tied for first in swine judging, and Bert Merrill tied for first in horse judging.

The A team was awarded second place in the horse judging contest.

The B team, which included Kenneth Fess, Ted Merrill and Cornelius Peet, took third in swine judging.

The girls' team which competed in the dairy cattle judging was composed of Jane Roberts, Evangeline Cummings and Virginia Brown.

During their trip to the Valley, the teams had the thrill of experiencing the earthquake which did so much damage at Brawley and on Sunday the Torrance delegation visited the ruined district for a short time.

On March 15th Torrance agricultural teams will go to Perris to compete in livestock judging on Perris Farm Bureau Livestock Day.

FACTORY MEN TO BE URGED TO MOVE HERE

Industrial Executives to Assist Chamber Housing Manager in Contacting Non-Resident Employees

Intensive contact work will be conducted with non-resident workers in the Torrance factories during the next thirty days by E. Standish Palmer, manager of the Department of Housing of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, in an effort to persuade a large number of these employees now working in Torrance industrial plants to move their homes to Torrance.

Mr. Palmer explained to the directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce Monday afternoon, that he has completed his survey of the housing situation in Torrance and is now ready to give definite facts and figures to show the economic advantages to these employees of living in Torrance.

Lists of permanent employees who are now living elsewhere will be furnished to Mr. Palmer by the local industries and he will be given every assistance by the executives of the factories in contacting and persuading these non-resident employees to move to Torrance. It is expected that Mr. Palmer will be out of his office nearly all the next thirty days calling on these men and their families. The housing department is prepared to render valuable assistance, without charge, to those wishing to move to Torrance.

NEW OIL FIELD LOOMS NORTH OF TORRANCE

Reliable Company Drilling Wildcat Well at 182nd and Cypress

In Torrance to have another oil field immediately north of its Electric avenue boundary?

A derrick was erected this week just north of 182nd street near Cypress avenue by the Ohio Oil company, the strong independent oil company which discovered and pioneered the present Venice field. The well will be known as "Fish No. 1" and a heavy rig is being installed, prepared to go as deep as required to prove or disprove the field.

While admitted to be a "wildcat," as the nearest producing well is three miles away, geologists of the Ohio Oil company contend that there is a strong possibility of a good oil structure in the location of the well at 182nd and Cypress.

Hopes for another field north of Torrance are running high, as the Ohio Oil company is one of the strongest independent producers in Southern California and the well is being drilled strictly on the geological information and is not being drilled with real estate promotion, which phase of exploitation often accompanies wildcat drilling.

NOTED JEW TO SPEAK AT LOCAL CHURCH

Dr. Michelsen of Germany and Rev. Elias Zimmerman to Head Bible Conference at Baptist Church

An unusual Bible conference will be held in the First Baptist church at Torrance from Sunday, March 9, till Wednesday, March 12.

The speakers will be two Jews: Dr. A. U. Michelsen, former judge and criminal lawyer from Germany, and Rev. Elias Zimmerman, a noted Russian Jew.

Both Dr. Michelsen and Rev. Zimmerman were brought up in orthodox Jewish homes. Dr. Michelsen studied in the University of Berlin as well as in other Universities and graduated with the highest degrees. Later, he passed the highest examinations before the secretary of state in Berlin and was decorated with the Imperial eagle and crown. He then was a judge, a prosecutor, and criminal lawyer in the various courts of Germany.

Rev. Zimmerman attended a number of famous rabbinical schools and was trained as a rabbi. In a marvelous way, he was led to embrace Christianity, and on account of his conversion was compelled to leave Russia. He then went to Germany, and later he came to America. He graduated from one of the leading theological seminaries of this country after which he became the pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Smyrna, Ga.

Dr. Michelsen became an atheist through the study of philosophy and repudiated all religion. Judaism included. He was later called to America as professor of foreign languages, literature and international law.

These two Jews will deliver several messages on prophecy. It will be very interesting to hear their remarkable life stories. Everyone is cordially invited, and no one should neglect to hear them," said Rev. Speed, pastor of the First Baptist church in Torrance.

SEWERS ORDERED FOR VERMONT AVE.

Final ordinances were adopted last week for the laying of sewers on Vermont avenue and 165th street and other streets in the district, according to word received from Los Angeles City Councilman A. B. Henning.

